Regulating the Provident Fund Scheme

235. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to regulate the Provident Fund Scheme to suit the present conditions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and the schemes framed thereunder are administered by the Central Board of Trustees Employees' Provident Fund, a tripartite body consisting of representatives of employees, employers and the Government. Appropriate changes/ amendments are effected from time-to-time keeping in view the conditions prevailing at the time.

Drinking water under 'Swajaldhara' Scheme

†236. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any target for supplying clean drinking water in each village of India, under the 'Swajaldhara' Scheme;

(b) if so, by when this target will be achieved;

(c) whether there is a provision of ensuring public participation in the said scheme;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of 232 drought prone villages, earmarked by Planning Commission in 1956, has increased to 1.5 lakh at present; and

(e) if-so, the action plan formulated by Government to implement the 'Swajaldhara' Scheme in one and half lakh drought prone villages, and the funds provided for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) to (e) Swajaldhara is a

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